

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 7, 13, 17 and 18 are pending. Claims 1-6, 8-12, and 14-16 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve their right to prosecute subject matter of the canceled claims in subsequent applications.

Claims 7 and 17 have been amended to recite a method and kit for the detection of *Fusarium proliferatum* wherein at least one primer comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NOS:14 or 20. Support for these amendments is in the specification on page 19, lines 10-13, Table 6.

Claims 13 and 18 have been amended to recite a method and kit for detection of *Fusarium proliferatum* using the primer pair comprising the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO:14 and 20. Support for these amendments is in the specification on page 21, line 2- page 22, line 2. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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